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| Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF |) | |
| SNR SCALABLE QUAD-TREE |) | |
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a) & AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 5-20-03, applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (a). The Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2025 the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (e). The authorization is also given on the accompanying transmittal letter for this amendment (a duplicate copy of which is enclosed for deposit charging purposes).